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FOR INDECISIVENESS ON FOREIGN POLICY

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1. IN A CAMPAIGN SPEECH AT TRABZON SEPT 18, REPUBLICAN
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT SAID, IN AN
EVIDENT REFERENCE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH'S REMARKS
ON A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI): "IT WILL
VERY MUCH PLEASE THE GREEKS IF THE CYPRUS ISSUE IS DEADLOCKED,
CONSEQUENTLY LEADING TO THE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND. THEN GREECE
WILL EASILY BECOME A MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY, HOLDING THE MAJORITY
OF THE ISLAND'S TERRITORY AND SURROUNDING TURKEY ON THE SOUTH.
BUT THEY WILL NOT SHOW THEIR JOY AND WILL TRY TO PLACE THE WHOLE
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RESPONSIBILITY ON TURKEY. AND THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN

BASES AND FACILITIES IN CYPRUS WILL ALSO BE VERY PLEASED, BUT THEY TOO WILL NOT CELEBRATE THIS OUTCOME OPENLY. THEY WILL NEVER TELL TURKEY THAT 'IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO'. THEY WILL EVEN SIDE WITH THOSE WHO ARE SURE TO CRITICIZE TURKEY FOR THIS."

2. ECEVIT MADE THESE REMARKS IN THE CONTEXT OF CRITICIZING THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT, WHICH, HE SAID, "IS UNABLE TO DISCUSS THE MOST VITAL FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES WITHIN ITSELF". BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO ACT DECIVELY ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, HE CHARGED, TURKEY'S POSITION IN THE WORLD IS WEAKENING. ANOTHER RESULT IS THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE PUT IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION. "THE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE CANNOT FIND A SOLUTION BY ITSELF WHILE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT REMAINS PASSIVE AND FAILS TO DIRECT THE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING TURKEY," HE ASSERTED. "THIS ALSO CAUSES THE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE TO BECOME ALONE IN THE WORLD."
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